

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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DEVON NORRIS)	No: 201001614
R.N. LICENSE # 176312)	
69 Georgia Terrace)	
Rossville, Georgia 30741)	
)	
RESPONDENT)	

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2010, The Tennessee Board of Nursing was presented with evidence that:

1. Respondent admitted to knowingly exchanging information and sexual dialogue with two (2) females he believed to be underage (15-16 year old girls), which also included sending a nude picture of himself to the girls and arranging to meet the girls for sexual interaction.

2. On or about July 16, 2010, Respondent was arrested by Detective Lyons with the Catoosa County Sex Offender Task Force in Chickamauga, Georgia and charged with Attempted Statutory Rape, Attempted Child Molestation, and Computer Pornography/Sexual Exploitation of a Child. Respondent stayed the night in the Walker County Jail and was bonded out the following day. Respondent remains free on bond.

3. Respondent was suspended on August 2, 2010 from his employment as a registered nurse with Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Two (2) days after Respondent's suspension, he contacted his Nurse Manager at Memorial Hospital and advised that he would be submitting his resignation immediately and that he planned to

relocate out of state. Respondent's resignation was accepted on August 4, 2010 by Memorial Hospital.

The Respondent's conduct is so severe that it poses a threat to the health and welfare of the public; therefore the mere filing of formal disciplinary charges will not deter the Respondent's conduct, warranting the summary suspension.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority granted under Tenn. Code Ann. §§4-5-320(c) and 63-7-115, the Board of Nursing hereby finds that the aforesaid conduct and activity of Devon Norris, R.N. requires imperative action in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare by summarily suspending the Respondent's license to engage in the practice of nursing (License Number: 176312).

The Board of Nursing hereby **ORDERS** the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the Respondent's license to engage in the practice of nursing (License Number: 176312). *Upon receipt of this Order, the Respondent shall not engage in the practice of nursing in Tennessee and will surrender his Tennessee nursing license card during the entirety of his suspension.*

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §4-5-320(d), the Respondent, Devon Norris, R.N., may attend an informal conference scheduled for June, September 7th, 2010 at 1:30 ~~pm~~^{am}. (Central Time) to be held in the Health Related Boards Room, 227 French Landing, Nashville, Tennessee. The sole issue to be considered at the informal conference is whether the health, safety and welfare imperatively required emergency action by the Board of Nursing.

Said suspension shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the contested case hearing against the Respondent, Devon Norris, R.N., at which time a hearing will be held in this matter, or unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Nursing.

SO ORDERED, this 2nd day of September, 2010.



as Vice-Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Nursing